

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 34 sundry measures, including the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and the District of Columbia.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8055–S8140

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2651–2658, and S. Res. 405. **Page S8118**

Measures Reported:

S. 894, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 976, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 2610, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement. **Page S8118**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Former President Gerald R. Ford's 91st Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, honoring former President Gerald R. Ford on the occasion of his 91st birthday and extending the best wishes of the Senate to former President Ford and his family. **Pages S8137, S8139–40**

Retirement Plan Clarification: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 2589, to clarify the status of certain retirement plans and the organizations which maintain the plans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S8140**

Helping Hands for Homeownership Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4363, to facilitate self-help housing homeownership opportunities, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8140**

Constitutional Amendment on Marriage: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage. **Pages S8061–90**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 155), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40. **Page S8090**

American Jobs Creation Act—Agreement: A unanimous consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 15, immediately following morning business, the pending motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 40 (listed above), be withdrawn, and the Majority Leader or his designee be recognized in order to move to proceed to H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad; provided further, that the motion be agreed to and that Chairman Grassley then be immediately recognized in order to offer S. 1637, as passed by the Senate, as a substitute amendment; provided further, that Senator DeWine be recognized in order to offer a DeWine-Kennedy first degree amendment relating to the FDA and tobacco; further, that no other amendments be in order to the bill, and that there be 3 hours for debate equally divided on the amendment; further, that following the debate time, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the amendment at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader after consultation with

the Democratic Leader, and that immediately following disposition of that amendment, the substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill then be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill; further, that the Senate then insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair then be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with a ratio of 12 to 11.

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Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99–498, appointed the following individual as a member of the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: Clare M. Cotton of Massachusetts.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 15, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8140.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN HOME FIRE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine home products fire safety issues, including a related measure, S. 1798, to provide for comprehensive fire safety standards for upholstered furniture, mattresses, bedclothing, and candles, after receiving testimony from Hal Stratton, Chairman, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; John Dean, Maine State Fire Marshal, Augusta, on behalf of the National Association of State Fire Marshals; Norman Chapman,

Inman Mills, Inman, South Carolina; Andy S. Counts, American Furniture Manufacturers Association, High Point, North Carolina; Robert Higgins, Candle-Lite, Inc., Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the National Candle Association; and Al Klancnik, Serta, Inc., Itasca, Illinois.

ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded a hearing to examine adult stem cell research issues, focusing on ethical, medical, and political implications, therapeutic and human cloning, and neurodegenerative disorders, including Parkinson's Disease, after receiving testimony from Michel F. Levesque, University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine; Jean D. Peduzzi-Nelson, University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Physiological Optics; Irving Weissman, Stanford University School of Medicine Department of Pathology, Stanford, California; Robert A. Goldstein, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, New York, New York; Laura Dominguez, San Antonio, Texas; Susan Fajt, Austin, Texas; and Dennis Turner, San Clemente, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 203, to open certain withdrawn land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to locatable mineral development for bentonite mining, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 931, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a program to reduce the risks from and mitigate the effects of avalanches on visitors to units of the National Park System and on other recreational users of public land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1211, to further the purposes of title XVI of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 by directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a demonstration program for water reclamation in the Tularosa Basin of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2052, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 265, to expand the boundary of the Mount Rainier National Park;

S. 2167, to establish the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in the States of Washington and Oregon, with an amendment;

S. 2173, to further the purposes of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Establishment Act of

2000, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2285, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a parcel of real property to Beaver County, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2287, to adjust the boundary of the Barataria Preserve Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve in the State of Louisiana, with an amendment;

S. 2460, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2508, to redesignate the Ridges Basin Reservoir, Colorado, as Lake Nighthorse, with an amendment;

S. 2511, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study of a Chimayo water supply system, to provide for the planning, design, and construction of a water supply, reclamation, and filtration facility for Espanola, New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2543, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project, with an amendment.

H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia; and

H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida.

FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 2317, to limit the royalty on soda ash; S. 2353, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992; H.R. 1189; to increase the waiver requirement for certain local matching requirements for grants provided to American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and H.R. 2010, to protect the voting rights of members of the Armed Services in elections for the Delegate representing American Samoa in the United States House of Representatives, after receiving testimony from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, and P. Patrick Leahy, Associate Director for Geology, U.S. Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior; Robert G.

Marvinney, Maine State Geologist, Augusta on behalf of the Association of American State Geologists; James C. Cobb, Kentucky State Geologist, and University of Kentucky, Lexington; Michael K. Burd, United Steelworkers Union Local 13214 FMC Wyoming Alkali Plant and Mine, Green River, Wyoming; John F. McDermid, American Natural Soda Ash Corporation, Washington, D.C.; and Marion Loomis, Wyoming Mining Association, Cheyenne.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 2610, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement.

Also, committee approved their recommendation for proposed legislation to implement the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine balancing reform and counterterrorism in Pakistan, focusing on U.S.-Pakistan relations and assess the Pakistan government's efforts to combat terrorism and implement reform, after receiving testimony from Teresita C. Shaffer, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Marvin G. Weinbaum, Middle East Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Vali R. Nasr, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

BALKANS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. policy toward Southeast Europe, focusing on efforts by countries in the Balkans to normalize their military relations with the U.S. and NATO, and to ensure regional stability, after receiving testimony from D. Kathleen Stephens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Central Europe; Mira R. Ricardel, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Policy; James Dobbins, RAND International Security and Defense Policy Center, Arlington, Virginia; James C. O'Brien, The Albright Group LLC, Washington, D.C.; Ivan Vejvoda, Balkan Trust for Democracy, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Serbia and Montenegro; and Veton Surroi, KOHA Ditore, Pristina, Kosovo.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 41, commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1529, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment

and administration of gaming fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1530, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, with amendments; and

H.R. 2912, to reaffirm the inherent sovereign rights of the Osage Tribe to determine its membership and form of government.

AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 (P.L. 95–341), after receiving testimony from Brian Pogue, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Suzan Shown Harjo, The Morning Star Institute, Washington, D.C.; Walter Echo-Hawk, Native American Rights Fund, Boulder, Colorado; Bernard Red Cherries, Jr., Northern Cheyenne Elk Society and Sundance Arrow, Valley, Washington; and Paul Bender, Arizona State University College of Law, Tempe.

DRUG IMPORTATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implications of drug importation, focusing on the Prescription Drug Marketing Act of 1988, and on ways to make prescription drugs more affordable without jeopardizing patient safety or undermining incentives for the discovery of the next generation of therapies, and a related meas-

ure S. 2328, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs, after receiving testimony from Representative Sanders; Senators Nickles, Breaux, and Dorgan; William K. Hubbard, Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning, and John Taylor, III, Associate Commissioner for Regulatory Affairs, both of the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Elizabeth G. Durant, Executive Director, Trade Compliance and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations at the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Rudolph W. Giuliani, Giuliani Partners LLC, New York, New York; Carmen A. Catizone, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, Park Ridge, Illinois; Elizabeth A. Wennar, HealthInova, Manchester, Vermont, on behalf of United Health Alliance; Joanne Disch, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Stephen W. Schondelmeyer, University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Minneapolis; and Kathleen D. Jaeger, Generic Pharmaceutical Association, Arlington, Virginia.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Election Commission, focusing on their enforcement and disclosure process relative to campaign finance, after receiving testimony from Senators McCain and Feingold; Bradley A. Smith, Chairman, Ellen L. Weintraub, Vice Chair, both of the Federal Election Commission; and Trevor Pott, Caplin and Drysdale, Benjamin L. Ginsburg, Patton Boggs LLP, and Robert F. Bauer, Perkins Coie LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 4829–4835, and; 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 472–473, and H. Res. 716–718 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4654, to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2007, (H. Rept. 108–603);

H. Res. 715, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4818) making appropriations for foreign

operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–604);

H.R. 2715, to provide for necessary improvements to facilities at Yosemite National Park (H. Rept. 108–605); and

H.R. 2023, to give a preference regarding States that require schools to allow students to self-administer medication to treat that student's asthma or anaphylaxis, amended (H. Rept. 108–606, Pt. 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller of Florida to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Danny Cochran, Pastor, Holly Creek Baptist Church in Chatsworth, Georgia.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

SUTA Dumping Prevention Act of 2003: H.R. 3463, amended, to amend titles III and IV of the Social Security Act to improve the administration of unemployment taxes and benefits;

Pages H5669–72

Urging the President to resolve the disparate treatment of direct and indirect taxes presently provided by the World Trade Organization: H. Res. 705, urging the President to resolve the disparate treatment of direct and indirect taxes presently provided by the World Trade Organization, by a 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 423 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 372;

Pages H5672–75, H5687–88

Customs Border Security Act of 2004: H.R. 4418, amended, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, by a 2/3 recorded vote of 341 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 373;

Pages H5675–82, H5688–89

Urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights: H. Res. 576, amended, urging the Government of the People's Republic of China to improve its protection of intellectual property rights, by a 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 374;

Pages H5682–87, H5689–90

Commending the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people for their support in the effort to combat terrorism: H. Res. 688, amended, commending the Government of Portugal and the Portuguese people for their long-standing friendship, stalwart leadership, and unwavering support of the United States in the effort to combat international terrorism;

Pages H5763–65

Jamestown 400th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2003: H.R. 1914, amended, to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement;

Pages H5775–77

Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 3277, amended, to require the

Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center;

Pages H5777–79

John Marshall Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2768, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall; and

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Amending the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999: H.R. 4012, amended, to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permanently authorize the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to reauthorize for 5 additional years the public school and private school tuition assistance programs established under the Act.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Thursday, July 15.

Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2004: H.R. 1587, amended, to promote freedom and democracy in Viet Nam;

Pages H5741–52

Concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world: S. Con. Res. 114, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world;

Pages H5752–57

Reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act: H. Con. Res. 462, reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act;

Pages H5757–61

Expressing the sense of the House in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group at the United Nations: H. Res. 615, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group (WEOG) at the United Nations;

Pages H5761–65

Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act: S. 2264, to require a report on the conflict in Uganda; and

Pages H5765–67

Deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly: H. Res. 713, amended, deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly for a narrow political purpose, the willingness of the International Court of Justice to acquiesce in an

effort likely to undermine its reputation and interfere with a resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Pages H5767–77

United States-Australia Free Trade Implementation Act: The House passed H.R. 4759, to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, by a yeas and nays vote of 314 yeas to 109 nays and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 375.

Pages H5660–69, H5690–H5720

H. Res. 712, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 377 yeas to 89 nays, Roll No. 371.

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Project BioShield Act of 2003: The House passed S. 15, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures, by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 376—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H5721–41

The bill was considered under a unanimous consent agreement that was reached on Tuesday, July 13.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H5793–94.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5687, H5687–88, H5688–89, H5689–90, H5720, H5740–41. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies; and the District of Columbia.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act.

RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY FUTURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Radio Frequency Identification (REID) Technology: What the Future Holds for Commerce, Security, and the Consumer.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS—E-RATE PROGRAM INVESTIGATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved a motion authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum to each of the following individuals: William Holman; Judy Green; George Marchelos; and Thomas J. Burger, in connection with its investigation of the E-Rate Program.

MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTORS AND CONSUMER CHOICE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Competition and Consumer Choice in the MVPD Marketplace—Including an Examination of Proposals to Expand Consumer Choice, Such as A La Carte and Themed-Tiered Offerings.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

USDA’S EXPANDED CATTLE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on Agriculture: held a joint hearing entitled “A Review of USDA’s Expanded BSE Cattle Surveillance Program.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Ann M. Veneman, Secretary; and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING IG FUNCTIONALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held a hearing entitled “Improving IG Functionality and Independence—A Review of Legislative Ideas.” Testimony was heard from Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., Inspector General, FDIC; Barry R. Snyder, Inspector General, Federal Reserve Board, Federal Reserve System; and J. Russell George, Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service.

HEALTH INFORMATICS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “Health Informatics: What is the Prescription for Success in Intergovernmental Information Sharing

and Emergency Response?" Testimony was heard from Karen S. Evans, Administrator, E-Government and Information Technology, OMB; David A. Power, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; Claire V. Broome, M.D., Senior Advisor to the Director for Integrated Health Information Systems, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; former Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich of Georgia; and public witnesses.

ISLAM IN ASIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Islam in Asia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3313, Marriage Protection Act of 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Res. 431, Honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery; H.R. 1630, amended, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2129, amended, Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act; H.R. 2400, To amend the Organic Act of Guam for the purposes of clarifying the local judicial structure of Guam; H.R. 2457, amended, Castillo De San Marcos National Monument Preservation and Education Act; H.R. 2960, To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalinization project; H.R. 3056, amended, To clarify the boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coast Barrier Resources System Cedar Keys Unit P25 on Otherwise Protected Area P25P; H.R. 3257, amended, Western Reserve Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 3334, amended, Riverside-Corona Feeder Authorization Act; H.R. 3427, amended, Craig Recreation Land Purchase Act; H.R. 3479, amended, Brown Tree Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003; H.R. 3589, amended, To create the Office of Chief Financial Officer of the Government of the Virgin Islands; H.R. 3597, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California; H.R. 3954, amended, Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act; H.R. 4010, National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization

Act of 2004; H.R. 4027, amended, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; H.R. 4045, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River; H.R. 4170, amended, Department of the Interior Volunteer Recruitment Act of 2004; H.R. 4459, Llagas Reclamation Groundwater Remediation Initiative; H.R. 4481, amended, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004; H.R. 4492, amended, To amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1966 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas; H.R. 4494, amended, Grey Towers National Historic Site Act of 2004; H.R. 4508, To amend the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 to require the Secretary to permit continued use and occupancy of certain privately owned cabins in the Mineral King Valley in the Sequoia National Park; H.R. 4606, amended, Southern California Groundwater Remediation Act; H.R. 4617, amended, To amend the Small Tracts Act to facilitate the exchange of small tracts of land; H.R. 4625, Soda Ash Royalty Reduction Act of 2004; S. 943, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into 1 or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the storage of the city's water in the Kendrick Project, Wyoming; S. 1003, To clarify the intent of Congress with respect to the continued use of established commercial outfitter hunting camps on the Salmon River; S. 1537, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the New Hope Cemetery Association certain land in the State of Arkansas for use as a cemetery; S. 1576, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003; and S. 1721, American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4818, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to

accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

TRADE FAIRNESS

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Trade Fairness: How We Can Make Our Trade Laws Work for America's Small Businesses, including discussion of H.R. 3716, to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that the provisions relating to countervailing duties apply to nonmarket countries. Testimony was heard from Representatives English and Davis of Alabama; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—IN-LINE EXPLOSIVE DETECTION SYSTEMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on In-Line Explosive Detection Systems: Financing and Deployment. Testimony was heard from Randy Null, Acting Assistant Administrator, Aviation Operations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

U.S.-MOROCCO FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the draft implementing proposal on the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM—CRITICAL NEED FOR INTERROGATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on The Critical Need for Interrogation in the Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COAST GUARD AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2443, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2004, and to amend various laws administered by the Coast Guard.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine preventing chronic disease through healthy lifestyles, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and proposed legislation making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing from the Department of Defense regarding International Committee of the Red Cross reports on U.S. military detainee operations in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine regulation of the hedge fund industry, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, and Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the Nielsen local people meter TV rating system, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1852, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, S. 2142, to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, S. 2181, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado, S. 2374, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Oklahoma; S. 2397 and H.R. 3706, bills to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California, H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and S. Con. Res. 121, supporting the goals and ideals of the World Year of Physics, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine a report on the latest round of six-way talks regarding nuclear weapons in North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine

the Gulf of Guinea and U.S. strategic energy policy, 1 p.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing on Iraq, 3 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine current enforcement of key provisions in the Patriot Act combating money laundering and foreign corruption, using a single case study involving Riggs Bank, focusing on Riggs' anti-money laundering program, administration of accounts associated with senior foreign political figures and their family members, and interactions with its primary regulator, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine Pell grants for primary education, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine medical liability in long term care, 2 p.m., SD-628.

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, to mark up the Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005, time to be announced, 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Army Transformation: Implications for the Future, 9 a.m., and to mark up the following resolutions: H. Con. Res. 472, Expressing the sense of Congress that the apprehension, detention, and interrogation of terrorists are fundamental elements in the successful prosecution of the Global War on Terrorism and the protection of the lives of United States citizens at home and abroad; and H. Res. 689, Of inquiry requesting the President and directing certain other Federal officials to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the treatment of prisoners or detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, or Guantanamo Bay, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on H.R. 1329, Recreational Marine Employment Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Diversity in the Financial Services Industry and Access to Capital for Minority-Owned Businesses: Challenges and Opportunities," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up H. Res. 699, Directing the Secretary of State to transmit to the House of Representatives documents in the possession of

the Secretary of State relating to the treatment of prisoners and detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Transatlantic Relations: A Post-Summit Assessment, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards, hearing on The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Organic Acts, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA Prizes, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, to mark up H.R. 2971, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2003, 12:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing to Review the IRS Enforcement of the Reporting of Tip Income, 10:15 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 60 minutes), Senate will consider H.R. 4520, American Jobs Creation Act (as provided under the order of July 15, 2004). Also, Senate will consider H.R. 4759, United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, July 15

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Rolled votes on Suspensions:

- (1) H.R. 1587, Viet Nam Human Rights Act of 2003;
- (2) S. Con. Res. 114, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world;
- (3) H. Con. Res. 462, reaffirming unwavering commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act;
- (4) H. Res. 615, expressing the sense of the House in support of full membership of Israel in the Western European and Others Group at the United Nations;
- (5) S. 2264, Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act;
- (6) H. Res. 713, deploring the misuse of the International Court of Justice by a majority of the United Nations General Assembly;

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